



January Grant Newsletter

January 23, 2014

Dear Hoosier,

As we settle into winter weather and more frequently turn to indoor activities, many Hoosiers take the opportunity to appreciate the creative offerings of museums, theaters, symphonies and cultural centers across our state. With over 250 museums and well over 100 professional stage theaters in Indiana, as well as fine arts programs in our schools, colleges and universities, Hoosiers have an excellent selection of cultural experiences available to them. Indiana also hosts numerous art fairs and festivals that bring communities together in shared experiences of our culture.

Of course, arts experiences can be expensive, and often private and corporate donors are the key funders. The federal government does have excellent grant programs; the National Endowment for the Arts alone impacted more than 6,500 organizations such as schools, colleges and universities, religious organizations, non-profit and for-profit organizations, foundations, and other government entities in 2013. See below for some sources of federal funding.



If you have any questions about the information provided, please contact my office at Beth_Barrett@donnelly.senate.gov. If you would like to request a letter of support for grant applications from me, please visit www.donnelly.senate.gov/help/grants.

Happy New Year,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe", with a large, stylized loop at the beginning.

Senator Joe Donnelly

The National Endowment for the Arts

The NEA has just posted the guidelines and application materials for their 2015 Grants for Arts Projects, the *Art Works Program* (deadlines: February 20 and July 24, 2014) and *Challenge America Fast-Track Program* (deadline: May 8, 2014). More details are available [here](#).

These grants are for projects anticipated to take place in 2015. Grants for Arts Projects constitute 75 percent of the NEA's annual direct grant making. These matching grants help support projects that involve the creation and presentation of artistically excellent work – both new and established. Please note there are some changes to the application format and deadlines.

The NEA offers one hour webinars for local arts agencies, presenting guidelines for the Art Works grant. A list of webinar dates can be found [here](#).

The NEA *Our Town* grant focuses on what it calls creative placemaking: "Creative placemaking animates public and private spaces, rejuvenates structures and streetscapes, improves local business viability and public safety, and brings diverse people together to celebrate, inspire, and be inspired." The deadline for *Our Town* is usually in January, so start working on plans to beautify your town so you can apply in 2015. See more [here](#).

The National Endowment for the Humanities

NEH works to preserve our national history and culture, funding projects from developing scholarly programs to planning and implementing a cultural exhibit. For a sample of their funding opportunities, click [here](#). At this site, you can match your project to the best NEH grant for you.

NEH's *Museums, Libraries, and Cultural Organizations* grants provide support for museums, libraries, historic places, and other organizations that produce public programs in the humanities. This program funds a variety of activities including exhibitions at museums, libraries, and other venues; interpretations of historic places, sites, or regions; and living history presentations and other face-to-face programs at libraries, community centers, and other public venues. The deadline for this grant is August 13, 2014. Details can be found [here](#).

The Department of Education

The *Arts in Education* program supports the enhancement, expansion, documentation, evaluation, and dissemination of innovative, cohesive models that demonstrate effectiveness in:

- Integrating into and strengthening arts in the elementary and middle school curricula;
- Strengthening arts instruction in those grades; and
- Improving students' academic performance, including their skills in creating, performing, and responding to the arts.

More information can be found [here](#). Check the website for updates on the next grant cycle.

National Park Service

The *Save America's Treasures* program protects our nation's endangered cultural heritage. Grants are available for preservation and/or conservation work on nationally significant intellectual and cultural artifacts and historic structures and sites. Intellectual and cultural artifacts include artifacts, collections, documents, sculpture, and works of art. Historic structures and sites include historic districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects.

For a list of NPS preservation programs, click [here](#).

The Indiana Arts Commission

Funded in part by the National Endowment of the Arts, the IAC's vision is "the arts everywhere, every day, for everyone in Indiana." IAC supports programs, projects, operations and education throughout the state. For a list of their funding opportunities, click [here](#).

The IAC is nationally recognized for their Indiana Cultural Districts that "promote the exploration of and participation in the arts and humanities through cultural experiences that are unique to our communities, while also supporting community life and economic vitality."

Private Foundation Funding

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